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## BURGLARIES OVER BREAK CAN BE AVOIDED

Jen Hao Wong/Iowa State Daily  
There have been many residential burglaries since November 1st mostly around north Ames with single family homes, but some students have been robbed too. Some of the burglaries were through unlocked doors, but windows and doors have also been broken in recently burglarized homes.



By Makayla.Tendall  
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There have been 51 burglaries in Ames, the majority of which were residential burglaries. Ames police offer tips for students on how to avoid having their homes broken into.

Most of the residential burglaries have been in the north and northeast side of Ames, something that Ames Police Investigations Commander Geoff Huff said was unusual. Laptops, TVs, smaller electronics like iPods and iPads and purses are some of the items stolen.

Some of the recent burglaries were “walk-ins” where burglars enter through unlocked doors, but windows and doors have also been broken in recently burglarized homes. Huff said the Ames police department is working on quite a few leads and will hopefully have a break before students leave for winter break.

“I think time of year does play a role in it,” Huff said. “This is the time of year where people are out shopping, they’ve got brand-new stuff in the house and makes for a good target. ‘Tis the season to buy electronics, and that’s a lot of what’s been taken.”

Patrick Farrell’s house on the corner of Knapp and Stanton Ave. was broken into over Fall break.

Farrell, sophomore in advertising, said that three TVs, 40 dollars worth of cans, change and a brand new set of golf clubs were taken. He said all three TVs to-

### Quick tips

- Lock all windows and doors
- Get to know your neighbors
- Hide valuables and draw blinds
- Know the make and model of all valuables
- Get renter’s insurance

gether were worth nearly \$1,000, and the set of golf clubs were worth almost \$1,500.

The burglary happened in less than 24 hours between the time one of Farrell’s roommates left Tuesday morning and another returned Wednesday morning. Farrell said the company that was doing repairs on their rental house did not lock the house up Tuesday night, which is how burglars got inside.

“I was amazed that our house got broken into while we had workers here because we had the windows and the roof done over break,” Farrell said. “This 65-inch TV is not a small TV; it takes two people to carry it and we live on a main street. I was just amazed that no one saw two people taking a TV out.”

Farrell said that one of his neighbors’ screen door was tampered with, and someone tried to enter through another neighbor’s window.

Farrell and his roommates usually keep the house locked and shades drawn, something Huff said is helpful

in preventing burglaries.

“It’s probably reasonable to believe they’re probably walking around, they see something laid out on a table or a counter, and they’re coming in and getting it and getting out,” Huff said about the burglars.

Besides making sure deadbolts and windows are locked, Huff said students could benefit from getting to know their neighbors before break.

If any neighbors are going to be in town over break, they can help keep an eye out for suspicious behavior. Huff said it is also important to make sure that nothing valuable like electronics are visible from the outside.

“Small items are expensive, but a lot of people don’t know serial numbers, makes, models and stuff like that,” Huff said. “If there’s stuff you’re not going to take with you, take the time to figure out what you actually own. If we have that information, there’s a better likelihood that we are going to recover it.”

Farrell said that he and his roommates are going to lock their valuables in their individual rooms over winter break to ensure that their belongings will not be stolen again.

Anyone with information about the burglaries can call the non-emergency Ames police number at 515-239-5133 or the anonymous tip line at 515-239-5533. Reward money may be available for anonymous callers who call in to Story County Crime Stoppers.

## Pairings for Greek Week find changes

By Delaney.Vierkandt  
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The greek community changed things up this year in the way they do Greek Week pairings. Instead of choosing pairings, there was a random drawing.

Greek Week is an annual tradition at Iowa State. With this tradition, each chapter gets paired with one or two other chapters as a team. The overall objective is to gain the most points and win Greek Week.

Before this year, the chapters had an option to choose who they wanted for their pairings. Small fraternities would seek a larger fraternity, and then the large fraternity would find a sorority.

The three would then become a pairing, as determined by the Greek Week chairs. Maggie Gerhls, co-chair of Greek Week, said that they chose to change the process this year due to difficulties in the past.

“After difficulties with how the process worked in the past, we decided to create this randomization system to even the chances for all house be paired with various chapters over the years,” Gerhls said. “This system will also take the pressure off of chapter co-chairs trying to line up pairings.”

Some people think this change is detrimental to their chances of winning, while others think this method is more fair. Cade Kiddoo, freshman in mechani-



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## MU tray sledding tradition on Knoll Hill

From front: Brett Zahner, Kris Brander, Nathan Kinneman, Tim Hester, Justin Kelm, Grant Schrock, and Patrick Maloney sled down Knoll Hill on Sunday. MU tray sledding is a old running tradition at Iowa State.

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Weather



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Mostly sunny with a windchill of -15.



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Calendar

Find out what's going on, and share your event with the rest of campus on our website, at iowastatedaily.com.

<b>Monday</b>	Osborn Club Lecture	inspiration for Olivia Pope, the lead on ABC's "Scandal." The event is free and had been rescheduled from an earlier event that was scheduled for Oct. 21.
<b>When</b> 7 p.m.		
<b>What</b>		
Eric Cochran, associate professor of chemical and biological engineering, will present "Thermoplastic Elastomers from Multifunctional Biomonomers: Green Materials Without Compromise?" The event is free and open to the public.	<b>Where</b> Great Hall, Memorial Union	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Design Expo	
<b>When</b> 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.		
<b>What</b>		
Mechanical engineering class projects will be showcased in this hands on event presented by students. Demonstrations will be shown of projects that work to solve real world problems with a range of state-of-the-art solutions that come in a variety of subject areas. The event is free to the public.	<b>Where</b> Howe Hall atrium	
Leading in a Crisis: Real Stories Behind 'Scandal'		
<b>When</b> 8 p.m.		
<b>What</b>		
Judy Smith, a crisis manager and former White House deputy press secretary for President George H. W. Bush, is the real-life		

MU Browsing Library aims to raise awareness, sell magazines

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Twice a year, the Memorial Union puts on a used magazine sale in order to attract students to the underused browsing library on the first floor.

The MU browsing library staff puts on this semi-annual event, which is held in the Memorial Union browsing library. Catherine Clark, a clerk in the student activities center, heads the event, and has been doing so for seven years.

The event has been going on for years, however, predating Clark.

"My understanding of this event is an awareness thing," Clark said. "We want to bring people into the browsing library, maybe people who have never been there before. So we hold this special event hoping to catch people's attention, and bring them into this room in Memorial Union."



Many used magazines will be on sale in the Memorial Union Browsing Library for 25 cents. Proceeds will go towards renewing the library's magazine subscriptions.

At the sale, there are several tables of used magazines that are sold for \$0.25 a piece. These magazines are donated mainly by the staff of the MU.

Clark says she thinks people don't go into the browsing library much is because it's small and tucked away, and it isn't very promoted.

At this time, there are no other promotional events for the browsing library. However, Clark says she hopes this will change.

"When I was doing the materials for the magazine sale, I said, 'why don't we make signs that talk about some of the neat features in [the library], and make them undated?'" Clark said.

Some of the features in the library include a chessboard, a jigsaw puzzle area, a computer lab with a printer, comfortable furniture, a music stand

looking phone charging station including five or six phone chargers and even a small chapel.

All of the services in the library, with the exception of printing in the computer lab, are completely free to students and staff.

The magazine sale will be set up on three tables, where the donated magazines will be sorted into various categories.

To prepare for this event, Clark sent out an email a few weeks beforehand, asking anyone to donate their unwanted magazines. A couple weeks before the sale, her and her six-man staff hung 280 posters around campus to advertise the event. The library was also given a good cleaning for the visitors.

Trevor Dammon, senior in math-

ematics, has been working in the library for two semesters now and helped by putting up flyers and setting up books for the event.

"This room is really cool, and I don't see a lot of people come in usually," said Dammon. "Something like this draws people in. More people come in during that week."

Clark says that the magazine sale isn't necessarily a huge money maker, but she does notice a change in the flow of traffic the week of the event.

Proceeds from the event go toward renewing the subscriptions to the magazines that are currently available in the browsing library.

The event will be held from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9 to Thursday, Dec. 13 and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday.

New deal slows down Iranian nuclear program

By Varad.Diwate @iowastatedaily.com

A historic US-Iran agreement aims to halt Iran's nuclear advances in making an atomic bomb while gradually relieving the nation's economic sanctions.

The deal was signed on Nov. 24 in Geneva's Palace of Nations after several rounds of talks. The Guardian reported secret meetings between both the parties, running along with the official negotiations played a part in reaching the deal. It releases Iranian assets in frozen accounts and lifts trade restrictions on gold, petrochemicals and other goods.

In exchange, Iran has agreed to dilute its stock of enriched uranium, not commission its heavy-water reactor and accept more inspections from the International Atomic Energy Agency among other restrictions on nuclear development.

"While today's announcement is just a first step, it achieves a great deal. For the first time in nearly a decade, we have halted the progress of the Iranian nuclear program, and key parts of the program will be rolled back," President Obama said in an address after the deal.

Defending the deal, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani said nuclear development and economic progress were both important to the nation. Israel termed the deal as a historic mistake as it allows Iran to continue critical components of its nuclear program and is not required to dismantle Arak, Iran's heavy-water reactor.

"Any light we see at the end of this tunnel, it is seen as a positive step," said Sina Safayi, postdoctoral research associate from Iran at the College of Veterinary Medicine. He added the deal was largely seen positively back home.

Safayi said that he sees a couple of positive aspects to the deal. The taboo of

having talks with the opposite side has been broken down. Another aspect of this process, he said, was using diplomacy as a tool rather than economic or armed threats. He added he hopes extremists from both the countries do not derail the deal in the future.

Over the years, economic sanctions on Iran have heavily impacted oil production, the main source of revenue for the nation. After the sanctions, value of the Iranian rial has plunged and contributed to inflation, about 40 percent.

"The deal is a disaster because it hasn't imposed any serious conditions on Iran to force it to stop its nuclear program. We are already giving them something for nothing," said Mitchell Bard, executive director of the American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise based in Maryland. "There is no requirement for Iran to stop enriching Uranium, which is a requirement for United Nations Security Council resolutions."

Safayi said he did not agree with the criticism of the deal as it is largely based on fear mongering.

Bard said the deal assumes the required would be done by Iran and gives it time to develop its nuclear weapon. He added that the only "remotely positive" aspect of the deal is that it revives hope in diplomacy with Iran.

**The deal**

The deal releases Iranian assets in frozen accounts and lifts trade restrictions on gold, petrochemicals and other goods in exchange for restrictions on Iran's nuclear program.

Ideally, Bard said the deal should have asked Iran to completely stop nuclear enrichment, destroy its current centrifuges and existing nuclear stockpiles. He said the alternatives would be impose tougher sanctions to compel Iran to stop its nuclear program or take military action.

Some questioned the validity of Israel's position on Iranian nuclear development when Israel itself is widely believed to have built nuclear arsenal and refusing to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Bard said the possession of nuclear weapons by Israel is not dangerous as it hasn't threatened to use them. He added that the Iran issue is more complicated than the nuclear issue as various geo-strategic interests are involved.

"Any progress or breakthrough in opening doors in and out of Iran increases the exchange between Iran and the world. That exchange helps to open the eyes of those who don't know anything else than what they have been told in schools and censored public media," Safayi said.

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Editorial



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While the snow may be fun to have a snowball fight in or build snowman, it also means dangerous driving conditions on the way to class.

Take necessary steps to drive safe this winter

The winter wonderland has officially made it's way to Iowa State. Nearly every inch of Ames and campus has been blanketed in the fine white powder that signals winter is here to stay.

Many of us woke up on Sunday morning to find our cars and sidewalks buried in several inches of snow and frozen solid in frigid temperatures. The flurries mean snowmen, snowball fights and many an 'Instagrammed' photo of rough-housing in the snow. But this beautiful winter wonderland also means dangerous driving conditions that many students, faculty and staff will have to encounter on their way to class - or even on their way home after finals.

The Iowa Department of Transportation states that the five-year average number of winter season precipitation days for Iowa is 53. This means there is a lot of days where the driving conditions are less than ideal. If you choose to drive this winter season, it is your responsibility to be prepared and drive safely.

Braving the winter chill early in the morning may be a less than desirable task, but clearing off all of your windows before hitting the road is important to driving safely. This doesn't just mean creating a small hole of visibility right in front of the driver's seat of the windshield, but fully scraping off the ice and snow in order to see not only other vehicles but also pedestrians.

When driving in the ice and snow it is also important to be courteous of other drivers who may not be as comfortable in the driving conditions as you.

The Iowa Department of Transportation suggests that winter drivers reduce speeds, avoid using their cruise control and give themselves plenty of time to brake before their wanted stop. Accelerating at a green light can also be a tricky task on the ice and snow. Giving yourself extra time to reach your destinations will make driving during this time of year less stressful and lead to fewer accidents from trying to rush in less than ideal conditions.

Being considerate and cautious around snowplows is also key to surviving the winter driving months. Pay attention to snow ordinances and move your car to the correct parking spots so that the road can be cleared more easily.

Drifting and purposefully parking incorrectly in the commuter lot may seem like harmless fun, but not only are these seriously dangerous activities, they can also be really cumbersome and stressful for others trying to deal with the weather.

Navigating and finding a parking spot in the commuter lot is a difficult task to begin with. There are times when the lines of the parking lot are not visible, but drivers should still use common sense in parking during those times. Boxing others in, parking in the wrong direction or making the driving areas between the rows so narrow that other cars can't pass through is inconsiderate and easily avoided. Always check to see how you have parked, and be sure to correct your parking mistakes.

Driving in the winter months is stressful and annoying for everyone. Be considerate and take the time to prepare yourself - and your car - before you hit the streets.

The most important thing to remember this winter season is that it's always better to be late and alive rather than driving dangerously to make it on time, risking your life and the lives of others.

Following these simple guidelines can help ensure that we all make it home safely to our families this holiday season.

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Beijing is one of many Chinese cities that deal with major air pollution due to lax emission regulations on plants and factories. A pollution level of 503 in Shanghai was read on Friday. Some levels of about 300 are considered severely harmful to a person's health.

Pollution is a worldwide problem

By Hailey Gross  
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Visitors to the Chinese city of Shanghai may not be able to see the buildings looming half a mile in front of them, but they may see countless residents streaming past them with air-filtering masks adorning their faces. In the first week of December, flights were delayed, workdays cancelled and children were forced indoors as a result of dangerous levels of pollution.

The pollution in China's major cities is by no means breaking news, but pollution levels in Shanghai have no gotten so bad that they are literally off the chart. A chart on the Shanghai's government's monitoring website displays various levels of air pollution and their potential danger to those who breathe the air.

On Dec. 6, a reading taken in the city produced a level of 503, which goes beyond what Shanghai's index even predicts. For some perspective, levels of about 300 are considered severely harmful to a person's health and in fact, levels above 20 are not recommended by the World Health Organization.

Until recently, China had notoriously bad air pollution and emissions regulations, leading to undue smog and pollutants filling the air. Chemical plants and factories belch foulness into the air at all hours of the day, and until the last few years, all this went unhindered.

Growing protests from environmentalists and even common citizens struggling with breathing problems led to action. In June of this year, China enacted a number of new air quality measures to decrease factory emissions across the entire country.

Unfortunately, these new laws (and the growing severity of their punishments) may be too little, too late.

As China continues to grow at an alarming rate, cutting back emissions will do little in the grander scheme. A goal set by the Chinese cabinet is for each unit of economic output to produce 30 percent less polluting emissions by 2017.

An article by the New York Times points out that this may not be enough: "if the economy grows 7 percent or more a year, as forecast, the decrease in total pollution will be modest." Even that estimation is modest, as China's economic growth has been between 8 and 14 percent since 2001.

It's easy to disregard this information, categorizing high pollution rates as "China's problem." Unfortunately, despite being separated by vast geographical distance, it is in the end the same air that we breathe. It may be Shanghai citizens that are wearing the air-filtering masks today, but tomorrow, next month, next year, it could be us. Reports of China's pollution affecting the United States are seen more and more frequently with each passing year.

A report by Discover magazine illuminates the dangers of China's pollution, stating that China now pushes more mercury into the atmosphere than Europe, the US and India all combined. Due to the extreme rate of expansion and development in China, the pollution has gotten completely out of control.

Problems caused by these emissions are not limited to global warming, abnormal weather or the melting ice caps. We can expect that these levels of pollution will produce more immediate outcomes within our own generation. The list of problems that

chemical pollutants cause is longer than can be listed in this column. It includes prenatal brain development problems, asthma, emphysema, and forms of cancer.

The mercury in the air is the biggest problem, and some evidence seems to state that this level of mercurial exposure can cause Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases - not a fate that anyone wants.

When the consequences are decades or even centuries away, as is commonly thought of global warming, we feel comfortable leaving the solution to the next generation.

However, it is our generation who will be struck with the health problems that result from air pollution. We will be the ones with lung cancer, severe asthma, or even dementia as the years pass because we didn't step in.

Obviously there is no direct way we can influence the government of China's decision. However, they've shown that they are not unwilling to work against pollution, and we need to make sure that continues.

Don't assume that factories in Asia don't affect you, they do. We must speak, loudly, to enact the necessary change and save, if not our future generations, at least ourselves.

There are countless distances and differences between China and the US - geographical, lingual, cultural - but we share one atmosphere. Pollution-related illnesses and disease will affect us, not our grandchildren or their grandchildren. Maybe the onset of these illnesses will spur action, as well they should.

As stated by atmospheric chemist Dan Jaffe in Discover magazine's article, "There is no Planet B. We all live downwind."

Letter to the editor

Think about military spending in context

Nicholas Royer is a junior in computer science

In his recent column, "Put a Stop to Wasteful Military Spending," Anthony Bader makes several key assumptions, leading me, at least, to entertain the possibility that his column stems more from politics than from a careful consideration of facts.

Bader repeats the often-used figure that the United States spends more on the defense department than the next 10 largest spenders combined. While not necessarily inaccurate, Bader's use of this figure lacks the necessary context. The next 10 countries on any list of military expenditures, typically including China, Russia, the United Kingdom, and Japan all lack the extensive range of global military commitments the United States has.

American bases across Asia, Europe and the globe bolster the defense of our partner nations, often with the effect of allowing the host nation of an American military presence to spend far less on its own defense than might otherwise be the case.

Take the case of Bader's vaunted health care systems in Sweden, France and the United Kingdom, for instance - the American presence (and subsequent cost

to the American taxpayer) in these regions during the Cold War acted as a shield of sorts against potential war with Russia, allowing such nations to expand their welfare states in the shadow of the American military.

Simply stating that the United States spends more than the next 10 nations combined, then, ignores the pivotal role the United States has come to play in ensuring global safety and security for far more than our own citizens.

Mr. Bader also makes much of the (admittedly deplorable) levels of student debt in the United States, noting, correctly, that such debt exceeds \$1 trillion.

However, Bader ignores the sad reality of defense budget cuts - in the event of cuts beyond the already extensive "sequestration," the brunt of the blow will not fall on necessary upkeep of machinery or maintaining a force prepared for the current global security situation.

Instead, the benefits, pay and educational opportunities available to millions of Americans will be gouged.

Already, the availability of tuition assistance programs for Lance Corporals and below in the Marine Corps (representing 47 percent of the force, and the bulk of first-term enlistees), for example, has been cut,



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The United States military spends more than many other larger countries such as China, Russia, the United Kingdom and Japan. Military personnel deserve the chance to advance professionally and be fairly compensated for their service.

denying individuals who might not otherwise be able to pay for college classes the opportunity to gain valuable opportunities for professional advancement and a successful transition to a civilian career.

I would invite Anthony Bader to speak with the average enlisted soldier, sailor, airman or Marine and ask them about the "lavish" benefits they are receiving, debt-free lifestyles and state-of-the-art equipment they are sent into combat with. Bader might find the results illuminating.

While I wholeheartedly agree with Bader that everyone should have a shot at an

education, those who have actually been shot at in the defense of us all, including Bader, deserve a chance to advance professionally, be fairly compensated for their service and take advantage of the educational opportunities made available in their own country.

Bader, it seems, would prefer that the defense budget be gutted, impairing America's ability to defend its citizenry and keep faith with its uniformed personnel, instead shoveling funds into a massive welfare state already rife with the same type of accounting abuses and fraud Bader condemns in the Pentagon.



# Solving global warming: our number-one priority

Take an active role in living green and cutting emissions

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Road-tripping out west over Thanksgiving break got me thinking about geology and climate more than ever before. The trip took my car over Iowa and Nebraska plains, through the Rocky Mountains and into Arches National Park in the middle of nowhere in Utah; Onward to Zion National Park and then Yosemite Valley in California.

The Iowa-Nebraska plains that lead upwards to the foothills of the Rocky Mountains are the direct remnants of the Great Ice Age that began 2.5 million years ago. Technically it isn't over because Greenland is still covered by a thick sheet of ice that is a result of the beginning of The Great Ice Age. Once the thick ice over Greenland melts, The Great Ice Age epoch will be terminally over.

The Great Ice Age smoothed over the Midwest plains after ice, miles thick, descended down from Canada and into the region of the United States that was between the Rocky and Appalachian Mountains. The ice began receding and melting, flattening the contour lines of the Midwest even more. The Great Lakes and Minnesota's "Land of 10,000 Lakes" is also a direct result of glaciers carving out land and melting into the remaining space.

In between this Great Ice Age are what's called "interglacials," cycles of relatively warm and cool periods that cycle on a consistent 100,000 year loop. We can accurately record the average global temperature from nearly a million years ago by examining bubbles inside cores of ice from Antarctica.

Using the same method, among other methods, we can also examine the air quality

from nearly a million years ago. According to NASA and NOAA, the rise and fall in average global temperature every 100,000 years fits the rise and fall of carbon dioxide in the air every 100,000 years like a glove.

According to where we are in the glacial cycle, we are overdue for a period of cooling.

With Earth behaving normally, provided it continues the consistency of at least half a million years, we should soon experience a relatively quick drop in global temperature. Not "Day After Tomorrow" quick, but quick over the course of 1000 years. This interglacial drop in temperature, like the last half million years, should roughly be about ten degrees celsius, or 50 degrees fahrenheit, on average.

Twelve thousand years ago we spiked in warmth, as we should have, but have yet to drop as we should have. At every temperature spike over the last half million years, the level of CO2 in the air is nearly always around 270 parts per million and has never been higher than 300 parts per million in the time we have been capable of recording.

In 1950 we were at a CO2 level of approximately 280 parts per million, according to NASA, and today we are almost 400 parts per million and rising exponentially. That's 100 parts per million higher in the last 60 years than has been recorded in the last half million.

It is an undeniable fact that CO2 levels correlate with global temperature levels; that's not the argument. It's also an undeniable fact that Earth is warming, when it really should be cooling right now, but that's also not the argument.

The argument is to what extent are humans responsible for CO2 and temperature change.

In 1880 the global temperature was on the decline and hit a low in 1910, a low as per the last 130 years. Not surprisingly, the industrial revolution for many nations was beginning around that time, and the temperature has been increasing since.



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Scientist believe that a phenomenon known as 'global warming' is causing icebergs and glaciers to disappear at alarming rates. Many scientists blame global warming on human industrial, residential and auto emissions.

Ice has been melting and water levels have been rising. This is something that is expected to happen as part of a regular cycle. The issue that we have is the rate at which the waters are rising and the ice is melting. It's a rate that we can't keep up with, a rate that is too quick for people of especially poor areas in the world to relocate - a sad reality, given that these poor areas in the world are usually the least responsible for CO2 production.

The extreme height and rate of CO2 in our atmosphere is already causing immediate and measurable problems. I'm not talking about predictions; I'm talking about current measurements like ocean acidity, the breaking of large portions of the ice caps, droughts and failing agriculture, the health of people and animals and unnatural rate of ocean rise to name a few.

The realization of our position is a sort of double-edged sword. On one hand, the amount of CO2 currently in the atmosphere is preventing the Earth from cooling in the cycle that it has for the last half million years.

That takes the burden off our shoulders of having to deal with another ice age, which would be the most catastrophic natural disaster the world has ever seen.

But now we must deal with the effects of high atmospheric CO2.

The latter is much worse. It's an unpredictable experiment we are running, with our entire species in one boat. Much like what was said about nuclear warfare, "we don't have another planet in which to run the experiment."

Regardless of the extent in which humans are responsible for the extreme levels of CO2, we should treat it as if it is our problem. If we're wrong, we're wrong. If we're right and do nothing about it, we die pathetically.

The rise in temperature and CO2 in the world literally needs to be America's and the rest of Earth's number-one priority. Not the economy, which is a never ending kerfuffle. Not foreign policy; everyone can't ever be happy at once. Not even civil rights, as nasty as that sounds and goes against nearly everything I say. This issue is a matter of preserv-

ing our species, which is the pinnacle of all human goals.

There are only two reasons for doing nothing. Number one, you don't believe we can do anything about the fact the CO2 and temperature levels are rising well above their expected rate. And number two, you think we don't have a right to mess with God's plan.

Both reasons are silly and will lead to our demise if the problem doesn't reverse on its own, which is unlikely.

Iowa State strives towards being a "green" campus, which is all fine and dandy, but it's not enough to just put in LED lightbulbs, use wind power and recycle.

Engineers, scientists and entrepreneurs need to work together and implement new technology, from the ground up, that dramatically reverses our carbon footprint. That's our only hope to solve this problem.

Take an active role in making this happen; don't fight it because you're afraid of something new. Embrace what it means to actually be green.

# Don't judge a college student by his or her major of choice

Students have different skill sets and strengths

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Whenever we encounter someone new on campus, one of the first questions we ask is, "What's your major?" In my case, I respond that my major is journalism and mass communication. Depending on the answer to this question, a certain unconscious response is generated from the questioner. I often receive a response along the lines of "Journalism? I bet that's easy." No matter what the intentions of the speaker, the implication is often that I, or others with that major, are less intelligent than others.

We have it in our heads that if you aren't an engineer or math major, you are taking an easy career path. This is completely false. Each major, in its own way, can be considered difficult.

As humans, we are each granted with a special set of skills. These skills influence our interests and, eventually, what career path we decide on. We take classes that enhance our knowledge within our skill set and stay away from those that do not. It's wise to acknowledge strengths and weaknesses; college is just a way of honing strengths.

When we enter into our chosen major, we are each greeted with different challenges that make our program difficult for each of us. But, our major is constantly compared to other majors determining whether or not it is "easy."

The way that the difficulty of a major is viewed by society is all due to relativity. When comparing journalism to an engineer major, of course journal-

ism seems "easier." But, after thinking about the set of skills needed and the work that goes into being successful in that program, both have different characteristics that make each program difficult.

While math and science majors are spending their time solving problem after problem or spending long hours in the lab, journalism and English majors are writing paper after paper and art majors are spending hours perfecting their projects. All are doing something that they possess a strong skill set in, and all tasks are equally arduous.

There's a reason why I chose to be a journalism major and not any major that has to do with math. I am terrible at understanding math and all of the rules that go along with it. I can understand enough to get me by in life, but ask me to solve some lengthy equation and you might have better luck asking someone in high school.

Instead, my skill set is in writing and communication. I love typing words on a page and sharing information with others through this medium. Even though this may be easy for me, my major still requires me to take courses that I find challenging.

Challenges in programs like English, art, and history, are most often overlooked. When called "easy," it makes it seem like that members of these majors are not as inherently smart as those who are in a "difficult" major.

Einstein said, "Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing it is stupid." But, if you were to place this fish into a body of water, it would be much more successful than a tree dwelling monkey. College is the time to discover and pursue our own body of water.

In the business world, one degree is not

completely relied on for the operation of a huge corporation to be successful. Instead, people of all different skills and backgrounds work together for one goal: success. A company run entirely by engineers, math majors, English majors or journalists would fall most likely

fall apart.

Successful businesses rely on employees with a variety of different majors and backgrounds.

Employee skills are matched to the appropriate role or job within the organization.

The next time that you feel the urge to comment

on someone having an "easy major," stop and think what that program may be like for them.

Maybe you can solve extensive calculus equations, but with what ease would you construct a 15 page research paper? You could be unintentionally putting down something

that someones passion is in.

In the end, we are all working towards a common goal - graduate and be successful in our chosen profession.

And in order to reach that goal we all must overcome challenges, no matter what our major is.

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# SECOND HALF SURGE

Cyclones surpass 18 point deficit to beat Panthers in overtime

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DES MOINES — Melvin Ejim didn't expect it to happen the way it did.

With 1:30 left in an overtime game against in-state rival Northern Iowa, the Cyclones were ahead 79-75. Deandre Kane had just ballet-tip-toed his way through the lane and missed a contested layup. Dustin Hogue snatched a rebound and sent it back out to Ejim at the top of the key, standing all alone.

With 1:23 left in the game, Ejim had the chance to back it out and milk another 35 seconds off the clock, cutting the game's life in half.

Instead, Ejim sunk his fourth 3-pointer of the half and second in the last two possessions. That's what you do when you've scored your 20th point of a single half. You don't think, you just do.

"That's one of those no, no, no, no, yes deals," said ISU coach Fred Hoiberg of the play.

Ejim finished the game with 22 points and seven rebounds, 20 and five of those coming in the second half and overtime, leading Iowa State (7-0) to a 91-82 overtime win against UNI (3-5) at Wells Fargo Arena on Saturday.

"I played a little bit harder, tried to get a little more rebounds and that kind of sparked my energy and we started going," Ejim said.

It was an entire team's transformation in the second half that turned the game around, though, after UNI had jumped out to a 42-29 lead at halftime.

The disciplined attack and tempo of the Panthers limited Iowa State to just 41 percent shooting and three assists in the first half, cutting the legs out from underneath the transition offense the team thrives on.

After the Cyclones had 28 assists on 33 buckets nearly a week prior against Auburn, they had totaled only three assists on 12 made shots in the first half and had an assist/turnover ratio of three to seven.

In the second half, a slow start had UNI ahead 49-31, Hoiberg



Riley Eveleth/Iowa State Daily  
Senior Melvin Ejim flies down the court against Northern Iowa on Saturday at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines. Ejim scored 20 of his 22 points in the second half against the Panthers as Iowa State erased its 18 point deficit.

## Niang's Tom Brady impression

With 3:41 left in the second half, Iowa State had just jumped ahead to a 63-59 lead. UNI's Chip Rank pulled up for a 3-pointer on the left wing and Georges Niang blocked him.

Then Niang corralled the rebound, stood on his tip-toes to avoid the out of bounds line and saw Melvin Ejim streaking towards the bucket and flung a one-handed pass to the other end of the court.

"I saw Melvin, AKA Usain Bolt, jet to the

basket. I figured I'd try my best Tom Brady impression and get him the ball," Niang said.

Ejim jumped in front of Dustin Hogue and caught it before laying it in and giving Iowa State a 65-59 lead.

"It was lovely," Ejim said. "I took two steps and it was in. It was a heads-up play by Georges knowing that he was falling out of bounds to get it up ahead."

"Once we really started defending, getting active hands, getting turnovers, you look at our first half I think we had [three] assists," Hoiberg said. "That ain't us. We get that ball moving."

The game nearly didn't go to overtime. If Kane makes his sec-

ond free throw at the end of regulation, UNI forward Seth Tuttle doesn't bank in a 3-pointer to send it to an extra period.

It's not the first time this team has experienced a gut-wrenching play to extend the game, a-la Ben McLemore at Phog Allen Fieldhouse last year. But during overtime, this team showed its resolve even with Georges Niang and his 22 points fouled out.

Iowa State out-scored UNI 20-11 in the extra period, making 5-of-7 shots from the field and eight of nine free throws.

"We've been down in that spot where guys have hit buzzer-beaters on us for the past two years," Ejim said. "We've been there, but just being down with a whole new group of guys, we were able to show our resolve and come back."



Kelby Wingert/Iowa State Daily  
ISU senior Hallie Christofferson attempts to score against Cal State Fullerton on Sunday, Dec. 8, in Hilton Coliseum. Christofferson scored 33 points in the Cyclone's 79-52 win over the Titans.

# ‘Iowa State sleepwalks through first half, on fire in the second’

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Bill Fennelly took an opportunity to write his own headline Sunday.

The ISU women's basketball coach was quick to point out Cal-State Fullerton out-played and out-coached Iowa State in the first half of the Cyclones' 79-52 win Sunday in Hilton Coliseum.

"Iowa State sleepwalks through first half, on fire in the second half," Fennelly said of what his headline for the game would be.

A big part of Iowa State finding that fire on offense in the second half was because of forward Hallie Christofferson. She recorded a career-high 33 points in the Cyclones' (8-0) win.

Fennelly saw Christofferson's poise when things weren't falling in favor of Iowa State and willingness to not pass on the responsibility of being a go-to player for her team.

"If Hallie doesn't do what Hallie does today, I don't know that we lose, but it's a different game," Fennelly said. "But that's what great players do. Great players pull their team to another level on any given night."

After a first half where Iowa State was 0-for-9 from 3-point range and being outrebounded by the Titans (1-7) by a 23-19 margin, the

Cyclones decided to switch up defenses in the second half and play man-to-man. Without starter Brynn Williamson — she was out with a head injury sustained in practice — floor spacing proved to be an issue early on for the offense.

"We were just doing it to ourselves," Christofferson said of the early struggles. "We know that we can play better and we've played better in the past. We just wanted to come out in the second half and we were lots more energized and ready to go."

Iowa State came out in the second half and went 7-of-9 from beyond the arc en route to the win. The team also talked about using ball screens differently in the second half to get Christofferson the ball as well as get some easy jumpshots.

Fennelly said he felt

ISU coach Bill Fennelly took a moment in his post game news conference to recognize the fans after his team's 79-52 win Sunday against Cal-State Fullerton.

Fennelly's son, Steven Fennelly, is in his first year as an assistant coach with the Titans, and it was his first time being on the opposite sideline of his dad as well as his brother, ISU assistant Billy Fennelly.

"I want to thank the fans for the very nice ovation they gave Steven when his name was announced," Bill Fennelly said. "That's something he'll remember his entire life and certainly mom and dad will remember it too. It just shows amazing class and dignity and support that our fans give our program. But they know Steven is a Cyclone to the bone so on behalf of Deb and I, I want to thank everybody for that."

Cal-State Fullerton was very effective in the first half in taking away Christofferson's ability to make cuts and move on offense, but better court spacing led to a different result on for Iowa State in the second half.

"The thing about Hallie is she's hard to guard because she can do things in space," Fennelly said. "She can go to the 3-point line, she can post up, she can come off a ball screen, she can come off a handoff and she doesn't miss many free throws."

With another career performance in the books for Christofferson, her productivity on the court isn't shocking anyone anymore, including her teammates.

"It's Hallie," said point guard Nikki Moody. "I'm not surprised, but I expect it. I expect the best from her every game and that's what she did."







# WINTER FEST



**1** Brian Achenbach/Iowa State Daily  
Students line up in front of Curtis Hall in subzero temperatures to prepare to run in the Jingle Jog event.

**2** Miranda Cantrell/Iowa State Daily  
Jennifer Dillon makes a paper ornament at the Octagon Center for the Arts in downtown Ames.

**3** Blake Lanser/Iowa State Daily  
Knoll chef Anastasios Kypriano serves Knoll Hot Chocolate at ISU First Lady's open house tour of The Knoll.

**4** Brandi Boyett/Iowa State Daily  
Students peruse glass, pottery and more at the Art Mart in the Campanile Room of the Memorial Union on Thursday.

**5** Miranda Cantrell/Iowa State Daily  
ISU student Dyllan Frahm looks at art prints and magnets for sale at the Art Mart, on Saturday.

**6** Brian Achenbach/Iowa State Daily  
Mason Frank is the first runner to pass through the finish line of the 2014 Jingle Jog outside of Curtis Hall Friday.

**7** Brian Achenbach/Iowa State Daily  
Hundreds of students lined up to grab a pair of skates and hit the ice at the Ames ISU Ice Arena on Friday.









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Across

- 1 Gem weight unit
- 6 Three-line Japanese poem
- 11 Container for Peter Pan
- 14 "You \_\_\_ busted!"
- 15 Past prisoner, for short
- 16 Prefix for a lifesaving "Pen"
- 17 "Why bother?"
- 19 Bit of Morse code
- 20 Trivial gripe
- 21 Stow cargo
- 22 "57 Varieties" brand
- 24 Purr former
- 25 Plane for a small airstrip, briefly
- 27 "Why me?"
- 33 Entire
- 34 Neeson of "Schindler's List"
- 35 Carps at
- 37 Blubber
- 38 90-degree pipe piece
- 39 Clinton's vice president
- 40 Johnson of "Laugh-In"
- 41 Island dance
- 42 Beast with one hump or two
- 43 "Why worry?"
- 46 Pet food brand with a ProActive Health variety

- 47 Chimpanzee, e.g.
- 48 Equally strange
- 51 Northwestern pear
- 53 Revolutionary
- 56 Logician's proof ending
- 57 "Why not?"
- 61 Spoon-bending
- 62 Musical Merman
- 63 Eucalyptus-eating marsupial
- 64 Civil War prez
- 65 Students' hurdles
- 66 Kick out

Down

- 1 Abel's older brother
- 2 Class for potential painters
- 3 Remainder
- 4 Residue in a smoker's tray
- 5 "You missed the deadline"
- 6 Pay attention to
- 7 Wheel-supporting shaft
- 8 Cold bagful for a party
- 9 Bout enders, briefly
- 10 Without footwear
- 11 "Star Wars" warrior
- 12 Neat as \_\_\_
- 13 Big name in hotels and crackers
- 18 Hiker's route

- 23 Stretch out
- 24 Phone screening service
- 25 Underwater experiment site
- 26 Tiny Dickens boy
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- 32 "Snowy" heron
- 33 Fighter's org.
- 36 Salt, on the Seine
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- 42 Baked treat often wrapped in fluted paper
- 44 Gizmo
- 45 Brewer's kiln
- 48 Greenish-blue
- 49 Balkan native
- 50 Drooling toon dog
- 51 Red root vegetable
- 52 Lubricates
- 53 Bloke
- 54 Ice fishing access
- 55 List-shortening abbr.
- 58 Suffix with Wyoming
- 59 Old videotape type
- 60 Fenway team, for short

## Horoscope by Linda Black

Today's Birthday (12/09/13)

A creative or spiritual quest calls you to new flavors, destinations and experiences this year. New Year's Day brings financial gifts, arriving into March. Remember that career powers up through practice, networking and group collaboration. Springtime fun and romance add spice and creativity at work.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)  
Today is a 5 – Don't let the haters get you down. If you stumble, make it into part of the dance. Increase your influence this week with small, incremental steps. The more you learn, the stronger you'll become.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)  
Today is a 5 – Decrease time spent in committees. Accept applause; you've earned it. But beware, costs are higher than expected. Use your experience and wisdom to effectively strategize. Stash away any surplus funds. Preserve backyard fruit for later delight.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)  
Today is a 5 – A distant acquaintance makes a power play. Let another person argue for you. Use subtle persuasion. Keep decreasing expenditures and debt. Consider a radical suggestion and maintain objectivity. Perhaps a bold change could boost you a level.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)  
Today is a 6 – You can do a job yourself and save money. Update equipment. Plan for emergencies. Make the changes you've been contemplating. Keep increasing your awareness on a subject of passion. Cut unnecessary chatter.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)  
Today is a 6 – Firm up plans, and make sure to include a fun factor. Work out a new team budget. You're very attractive now. Stay cool and move quickly. Strengthen a loving relationship.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
Today is a 6 – Invest in home improvements this week. The work involves cleaning up a mess or making repairs. The changes will benefit the whole family and you'll wonder why you waited so long.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
Today is a 7 – Do your homework patiently. Stand firm for what you know is right and exceed all expectations. You have everything you need. The more money you save the better. Maintain objectivity. The key is in providing excellent service.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
Today is a 5 – Accept a generous offer. You have abundant resources through your friends. Let others plan the details and route. Provide emotionally persuasive content. Dig into a household project. Tidy up.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) – Today is a 5 – Your brilliance is revealed through surprising new information. Handle disagreements. Challenge your limits. Ponder the situation. Are you convinced about the direction to go? If someone else doesn't like the plan, wait.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
Today is a 5 – You can do this. Increase your holdings (and confidence) over the coming week. Your ideas are accepted. Discover hidden treasure. The action is behind the scenes. Spread out and get to work. Make plans and work out details.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
Today is a 7 – Enjoy the applause as you power on. Keep your momentum. Get help building your dream. The anticipation builds. Private effort pays off now. Monitor results and stash income for an increase in value. Others are impressed.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)  
Today is a 7 – Persuasion works now. Increase your comfort level. Imagine how you'd love it to turn out. Decrease debts and your dependence on others this week. Free someone up. Share time or resources with someone who obviously needs it.

## Sudoku by the Mephram Group

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk)

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